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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6094

BILL NUMBER: HB 1297

DATE PREPARED: Nov 30, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Handgun Licenses and Safety Education.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits a handgun license from being issued to a person who has not participated in handgun safety education approved by the Superintendent of the State Police Department. It requires the Superintendent to adopt a policy that specifies the criteria for adequate handgun safety education.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Indiana State Police would likely incur minimal administrative time and cost associated with adopting a handgun safety education policy. Funding for the Indiana State Police originates from the state General Fund and the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues: Some loss in revenue may occur for State fees charged for handgun licenses. The State Police currently charges a fee of \$5 for qualified and \$15 for unlimited handgun licenses (almost all licenses issued are unlimited). Approximately 70,000 to 80,000 handgun licenses are issued each year.

The impact over time would depend upon the number of persons who choose not to attend safety education classes to obtain a license. Licensing fees are deposited in the State General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: This bill may decrease the number of licenses issued, each of which requires a local \$10 application fee. License revenue may be deposited in the law enforcement agency's Firearms Training Fund or other appropriate training activities funds. The specific impact of this bill will vary by law enforcement agency and will depend upon local activity.

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Agencies.

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